

Senate Resolution 635

By: Senators Mullis of the 53rd and Thomas of the 54th

A RESOLUTION

1 Honoring the Mullis Heartland Refugees Living Historians; and for other purposes.

2 WHEREAS, Sylvia Coleman, Deana Good, Brenda Culpepper, Rita Parrish, Kim Shields,
3 Amy Barrett, Paula Taylor, Pat Roark, Susan Suits, Stephanie Moss, and Denise Early are
4 members of the Mullis Heartland Refugees Living Historians; and

5 WHEREAS, these women are reenactors of the battlefield farm families that endured
6 tremendous hardships during the Battle of Chickamauga; and

7 WHEREAS, the Battle of Chickamauga, named after the Chickamauga Creek which flowed
8 nearby, was fought September 19-20, 1863, and involved more than 150,000 soldiers of the
9 Union and Confederate Armies; and

10 WHEREAS, it was a great Confederate victory, but a very costly one; although Union Army
11 losses exceeded 16,000, the Confederate Army lost more than 18,000 casualties; and

12 WHEREAS, the Battle of Chickamauga involved many famous generals, but the battle was
13 fought by common men, frequently without leaders; and

14 WHEREAS, many parched and wounded soldiers of both sides drank from the bubbling
15 Crawfish Springs, and it was the site of the reunion in 1889 of soldiers from both sides who
16 fought in the Battle of Chickamauga; it was called the Blue and Gray Barbecue and hundreds
17 of soldiers and their families visited the sites of the bloody battle of over 30 years prior,
18 smoking the pipe of peace, healing the wounds, and helping start the Chickamauga National
19 Park, known as the Chickamauga Battlefield.

20 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of this body
21 honor the Mullis Heartland Refugees Living Historians and remember the great sacrifices of
22 all of the participants in the Battle of Chickamauga.

- 1 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
- 2 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the Mullis Heartland Refugees Living
- 3 Historians